

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 1-38 (canceled).

39. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting the loss of learning ability or increasing the learning ability of an aged companion pet in need of such treatment, **the method comprising which comprises** feeding the pet ~~an antioxidant or a~~ mixture of antioxidants at levels sufficient to accomplish the said inhibiting or increasing, the ~~said antioxidant~~ **mixture of antioxidants comprising Vitamin E, Vitamin C and at least one antioxidant** selected from the group consisting ~~Vitamin E, Vitamin C, of~~ alpha lipoic acid, l-carnitine and mixtures thereof.

Claims 40-43 (canceled).

44. (new) The method in accordance with claim 39 wherein the aged companion pet is a canine and is fed a mixture of Vitamin E, Vitamin C, alpha lipoic acid, and l-carnitine.

45. (new) The method in accordance with claim 39 wherein the aged companion pet is a feline and is fed a mixture of Vitamin E, Vitamin C, and l-carnitine.

46. (new) The method in accordance with claim 44 wherein Vitamin E is fed to the canine in at least about 100 ppm, Vitamin C is fed to the canine in at least about 50 ppm, alpha lipoic acid is fed to the canine in at least about 25 ppm and l-carnitine is fed to the canine in at least about 50 ppm, all levels as measured by a diet fed to the canine.

47. (new) The method in accordance with claim 45 wherein Vitamin E is fed to the feline in at least about 100 ppm, Vitamin C is fed to the feline in at least about 50 ppm and l-carnitine is fed to the feline in at least about 50 ppm, all levels as measured by a diet fed to the feline.